



**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** K. Grunwald (staff), K. Krider (staff), J. Woodmansee (staff), G. Bent, J. Stoughton, F. Baruzzi (in at 6:40pm), M. LaPlaca, R. LeClerc, J. Goldman, J. Higham, V. Fry, E. Soffer Roberts, S. Anderson, P. Braithwaite, L. Dahn, C. Guerreri, E. Tullman, Y. Kim & L. Young

**Regrets:** MJ Newman and J. Suedemeyer

**Guest Present:** Carin Van Gelder, M.D.

<i><b>ITEM</b></i>	<i><b>DISCUSSION</b></i>	<i><b>OUTCOME</b></i>
Call to Order	G. Bent called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.	
Consent Agenda	Approval of Minutes from the January 4, 2011 meeting.	<i><u>Motion:</u> J. Higham moves to approve the 1/4/12 regular meeting minutes as written. E. Soffer Roberts seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i>
Mansfield's Plan for Young Children	C. Guerreri provided background information and an explanation of the Community Assessment Tool noting that it is a tool used by the Graustein Memorial Fund (hereinafter referred to as "GMF") to promote self-reflection by the collaborative and that the score does not impact funding.  Discussion followed regarding the best way to complete the tool and report the findings to GMF. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for Cindy to lead the collaborative in as many assessments as time would allow and that the reminder would need to be completed by individuals and returned to Jillene by Wednesday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> .	Collaborative members are asked to complete the remainder of the Assessment Tool and return it to Jillene no later than Wednesday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Updates	K. Krider and K. Grunwald reported that the met with CCEA on January 30 <sup>th</sup> and provided members with an index of the data.  K. Krider reported that the Bridge Grant application has been submitted.	

	<p>S. Anderson reported that the Community Design Day has been scheduled for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and that the final location of the playground remains under discussion. In addition, the playground now has a website which can be accessed at <a href="http://www.mansfieldcommunityplayground.org">www.mansfieldcommunityplayground.org</a>.</p> <p>S. Anderson reported that the Playground Committee will have a booth at the upcoming Winter Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Members briefly discussed MAC's presence at community events and the need for an informational pamphlet and updated display board. It was also noted that the Week of the Young Child is coming up in April.</p> <p>K. Krider reminded members about the upcoming Retreat with Phyllis Rozansky scheduled for Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Collaborative members are scheduled to think about the word "PLAN" in advance of the retreat and to also think about defining the current structure of MAC including the roles of the co-chairs, team leaders and coordinator.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm</p> <p><b>Retreat with Phyllis Rozansky – Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 9:00am – 1:00pm (lunch served at 12:30pm) at Mansfield Discovery Depot, 50 Depot Road.</b></p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, <b>Wednesday, March 7, 2012</b>, 5:00pm – 6:30pm for Team Meetings and 6:30pm – 7:30pm for full meeting.</p> <p>Next Executive Council meeting on <b>Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 1:15pm – 2:45pm</b> at Town Hall in Conference Room B.</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at <a href="mailto:kriderk@mansfieldct.org">kriderk@mansfieldct.org</a></p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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